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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

This is a reply to the Advisory Action mailed June 16, 2005 setting a three (3) month period for response from the mailing date of the final rejection. A request for continued examination

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is requested. A request for a one (1) month extension of time and appropriate fee are filed herewith.

Please enter the following amendments and remarks into the record.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks being on page 6 of this paper.